

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the Application.

Please cancel claims 1-18 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 19-29.

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19. (New) A distributed system for collaborative computing comprising:

a web zone for allowing a plurality of client computers to access the distributed system via a global-area network, the web zone having at least one web server;

a meeting zone for supporting an on-line conference among the plurality of client computers, the meeting zone having a meeting manager, a plurality of collaboration servers, and a plurality of application servers, wherein:

the meeting manager is operable to manage the on-line conference in the meeting zone;

each collaboration server is operable to host at least a portion of the on-line conference; and

each application server is operable to support at least one service for the on-line conference.

20. (New) The distributed system of claim 19 wherein each collaboration server and each application server comprises a respective logical server.

21. (New) The distributed system of claim 20 wherein the meeting zone comprises a process manager for monitoring each logical server.

22. (New) The distributed system of claim 20 wherein the meeting zone comprises a zone manager for supporting communication among the logical servers.

23. (New) The distributed system of claim 19 wherein the meeting manager is operable to maintain status information for the meeting zone.

24. (New) The distributed system of claim 19 wherein the at least one service for the on-line conference comprises one of document viewing, file sharing, video, voice over IP, telephony, polling, chat, and application sharing.

25. (New) The distributed system of claim 19 wherein the meeting manager is operable to manage all the collaboration servers and the application servers in the meeting zone.

26. (New) A method for collaborative computing in a distributed system having a web zone and a meeting zone, the method comprising:

at the web zone allowing a plurality of client computers to access the distributed system via a global-area network;

at the meeting zone supporting an on-line conference among the plurality of client computers, wherein supporting the on-line conference comprises:

hosting the on-line conference in the meeting zone;

managing the on-line conference in the meeting zone; and

supporting at least one service for the on-line conference.

27. (New) The method of claim 26 wherein a plurality of logical servers are used for supporting the on-line conference.

28. (New) The method of claim 27 comprising monitoring each logical server.

29. (New) The method of claim 27 comprising supporting communication among the logical servers.

30 (New) The method of claim 26 comprising maintaining status information for the meeting zone.